The Challenge of Suburban Revitalization



2012

Suburban Blight

TODAY – More poor in suburbs than cities

U.S. 55% Richmond Metro 54%

Chesterfield poor 4.8% in 2000 6.1% in 2009





Older Suburban Area Challenges

- Inadequate housing stock
- Obsolete commercial and industrial property
- Shrinking tax base
- Aging infrastructure
- Increasing police & social services

Revitalization Strategy

Re-establish Healthy Communities

- Jefferson Davis Corridor
- Ettrick Village
- Cloverleaf Mall Area

Sustain older residential and commercial areas

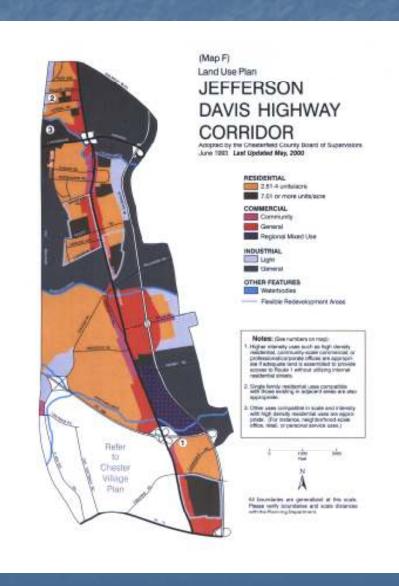
Infill and Redevelopment

Preventing Blight - dominate future issue





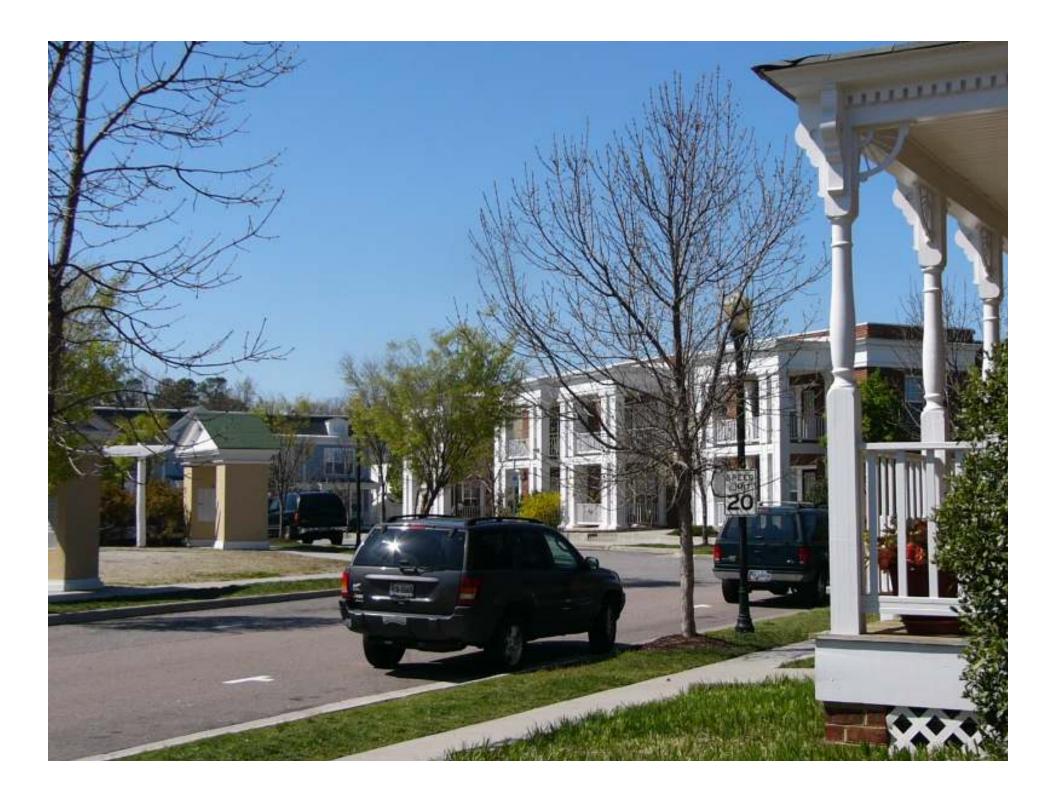
Jefferson Davis Corridor Plan



Key Initiatives:

- 1. Jefferson Davis Association Formed
- 2. Enterprise Zone Established
- 3. Neighborhood & Housing Improvement
 - Neighborhood Parks
 - Housing Rehabilitation
 - New Housing
- 4. Business Incubator
- 5. Pro-Active Code Enforcement and community policing







Jefferson Davis Study

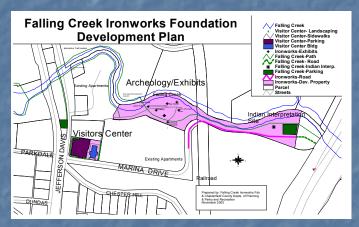
- Crime down
- \$475 million in new investment
- 3. \$4.3 million increase in annual real estate taxes



Much More To Do!

Jefferson Davis Association Initiatives

- StreetscapeImprovements
- Development
 - Trailer Park Redevelopment
- 3. Housing Improvement
- 4. Quality of Life
 - + History
 - -Ironworks site
 - -Historic Route 1 Corridor
 - + Parks/River Access



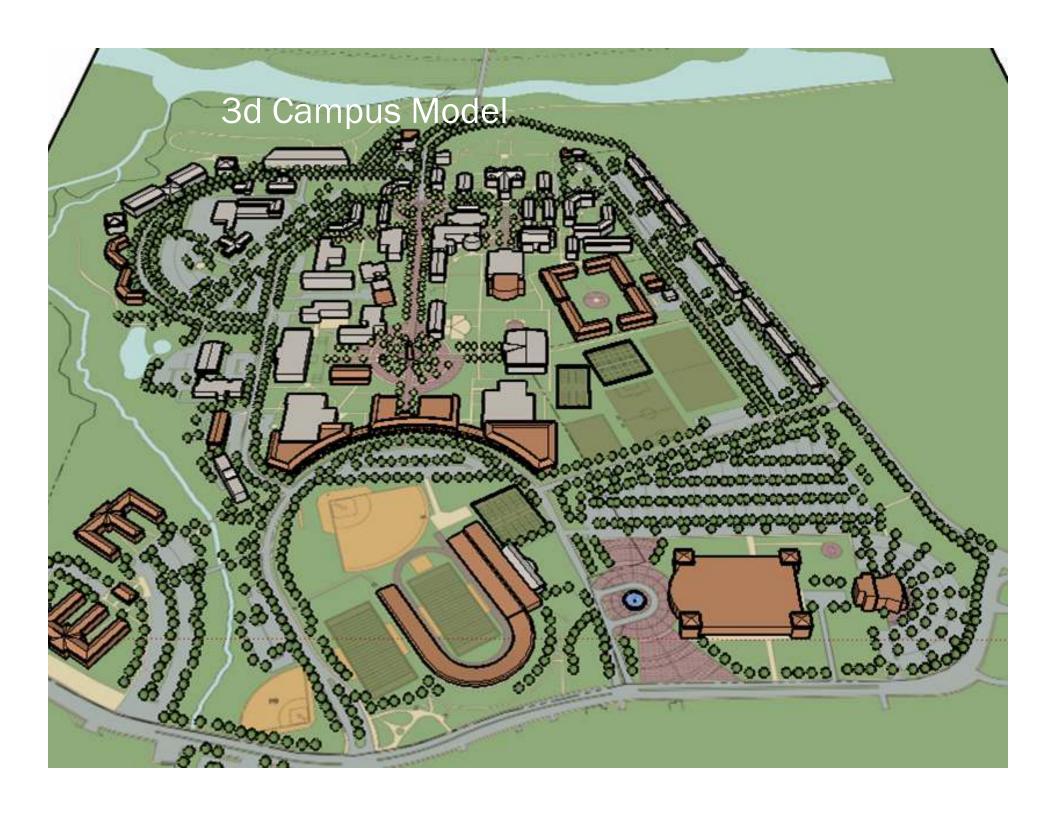




Ettrick Village Initiatives

- Virginia State University Expansion
- Blighted buildings removal
- Chesterfield Avenue Improvements
 - College-town retail
 - Streetscape improvements
- 4. Housing new and rehabilitation





Chesterfield Avenue

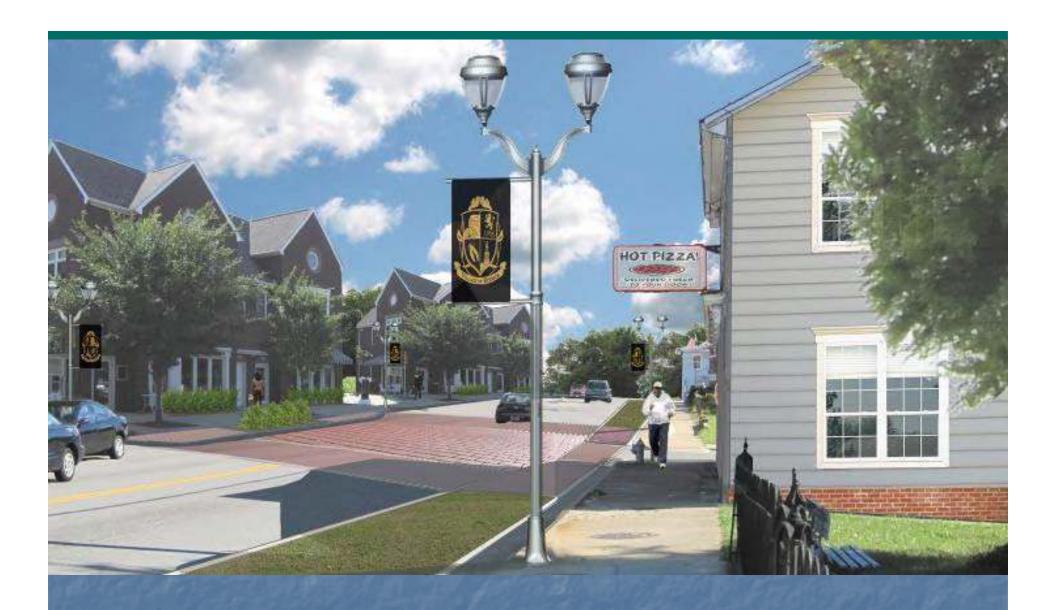












Chesterfield Avenue Planned

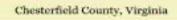
Cloverleaf Mall Redevelopment

Replace Mall with a new Mixed Use Center

- retail
- restaurants
- Multi-family residential
- office







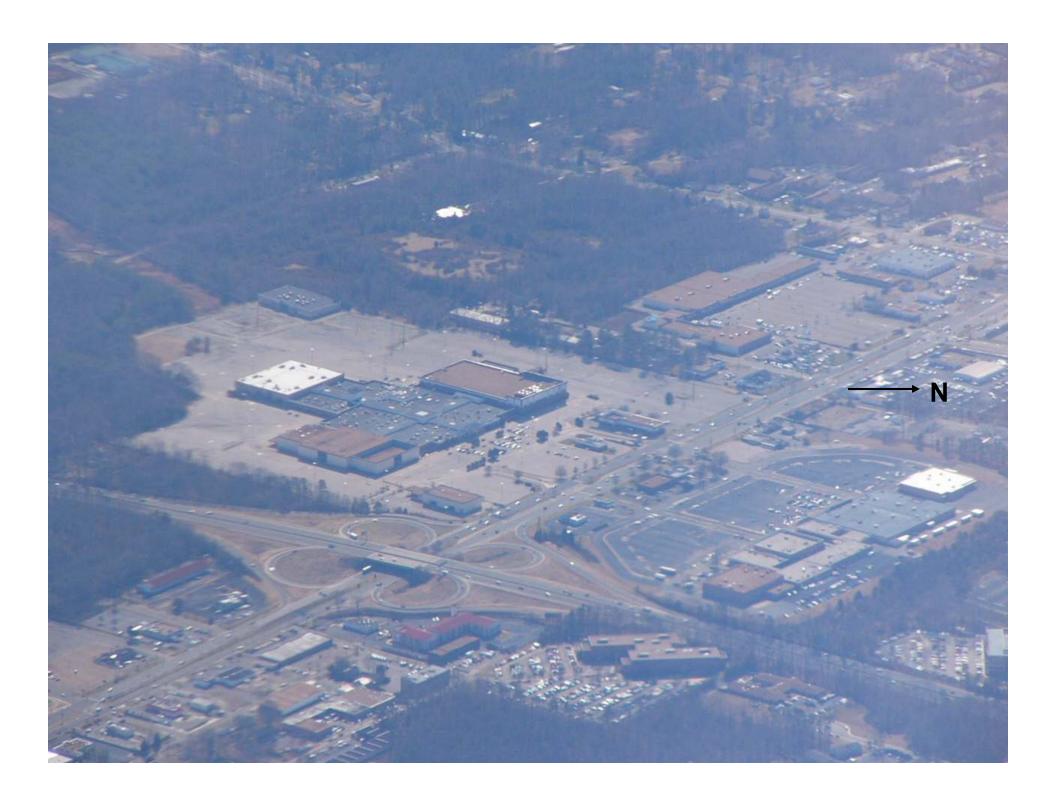
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Stonebridge Phase 1 Schedule



Kroger grocery store 123,000 sq. ft.Nov 2012 Small shops/restaurants 20,000 sq. ft.2013





E Midlothian Turnpike Corridor Streetscape Improvements



At Chippenham Parkway Looking West





Suburban Blight

Preventing blight and deterioration

Most important challenge facing
Chesterfield County





How to Prevent Blight

- Be Pro-active
 - Citizens/Government
- 2. Maintain Buildings and Yards
 - Broken Window Theory
 - Code Enforcement/Incentives
- Encourage New Development in older communities
- 4. Maintain Quality Schools





Blight Prevention





Chesterfield Towne Center Streetscape

Project – Special Tax District

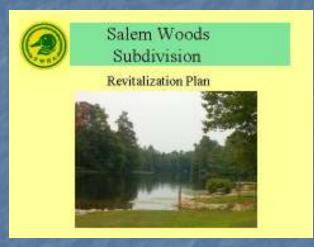
Hull Street Road Revitalization Project

What You Can Do

- REMEMBER: Progress results from a small determined group of citizens
- Prepare Neighborhood Plan

Example

- 1. Priority Projects
 - Neighborhood Cleanup
 - Pro-active Code Enforcement
- 2. Two Five Year Projects
 - Neighborhood Park
 - Sidewalk to school
- 3. Longrange Projects
 - New grocery store
 - Highway streetscape Improvements

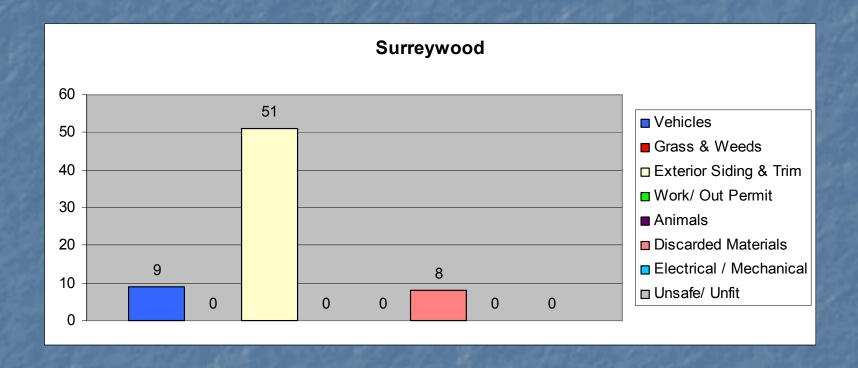




County Services Can Help

- Fix deteriorated structures 748-1779
- Remove junk, tall weeds and other maintenance problems 748-1500
- Rehabilitation Tax Incentive Programs 748-1321
 Residential: 8 year abatement
 Commercial/Industrial: 5 year abatement
- Enterprise Zone: Financial incentives for businesses to locate in older areas 318-8559
- Community Data 748-1050
- Streetlight Program 748-1035
- Crime Prevention 318-8699
- Anti-Litter Program 751-2227

Pro-Active Code Enforcement



Property Maintenance – neighbors respecting neighbors

Sustain Our Communities Committee

Helping Communities Help Themselves



The Path Forward Report SOCC 2010

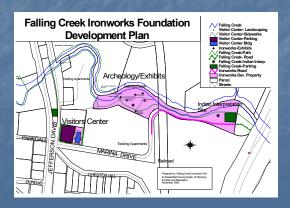
Builds on Previous Studies

Adds National Research and Virginia Benchmarking

Recommendations

- Help citizens help themselves
- Improve existing programs
- New initiatives





Key Future Programs

Redevelop select blighted properties

Streetscape Improvements to Established Commercial Corridors





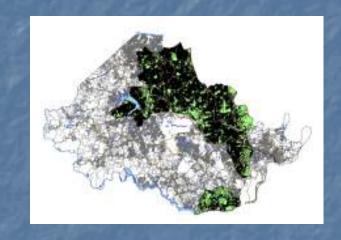
Blight Has Countywide Financial Impact

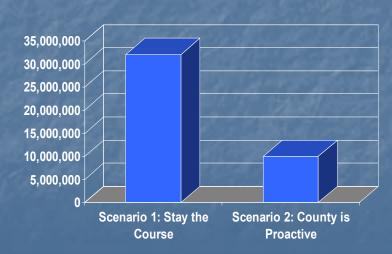
If older areas lag countywide assessment trend by 10%:

\$ 20 m annual tax loss



\$ 32 m annual tax loss from blight if no prevention programs



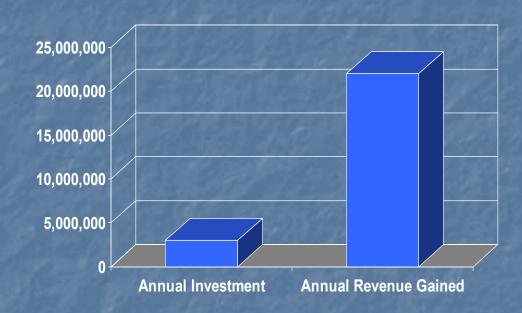


Blight Prevention Pays

Year 2000 Study

\$ 3 m annual investment in blight prevention

Yields \$ 22 m annual tax savings



"An ounce of prevention is worth

A pound of cure"